
MODERATOR BIOGRAPHY

JOHN FORSTER

Mr. John Forster is an aquaculture consultant with more than 40 years of experience. Initially a researcher with the UK government, he moved to the business sector with Shearwater Fish Farming in 1974 where he ran a commercial trout farm and established an international technical services business.

He moved to Port Angeles, Wash. in 1984 with Stolt Sea Farm and helped the company develop its West Coast salmon and sturgeon farming operations before starting his own consulting practice in 1994. In 1994, he founded Columbia River Fish Farms LLC, the largest U.S. producer of steelhead trout, and served as its president until 2005.

A consultant to both public and private sector clients, he has a special interest in the application of experience from the farmed salmon industry to new aquaculture species. He is as a director of four aquaculture companies and serves on NOAA's Marine Fishery Advisory Committee.

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JEFFREY W. DAVIS

Mr. Jeffrey W. Davis has played leadership roles in many of the seafood industry's leading companies and trade associations over the course of his successful career. The former chief operating officer of the American Seafoods Group and chief executive officer of American Pride Seafoods, a successful freshwater catfish operation, Mr. Davis remains active in the fishing industry as an owner of American Seafoods.

Mr. Davis currently serves as chairman of the National Fisheries Institute and serves on the boards of Baader North America, the Paradise Shrimp Company, and American Seafoods Limited Partnership, which he formed with several other partners. Today, ASLP operates the largest fleet of catcher/processor vessels in the United States, along with a fleet of cod longline vessels operating in the Bering Sea.

Mr. Davis also owns the Southern Group LLC, a company that specializes in investing in the seafood industry. A graduate of Wentworth Institute of Technology, Mr. Davis served in the United States Marine Corps.

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DAVID TZE

Mr. David Tze applies pioneering strategies and technology to developing sectors within established industries. He co-founded Aquacopia. Previously, he was vice president of strategy of the venture-funded NetworkOil equipment marketplace for the oil and gas industry, spearheaded tech consultancy Concrete, and co-founded Cache Networks, a novel digital television platform.

Mr. Tze serves on Aquacopia portfolio companies' boards and has an A.B. in economics from Princeton.

MICHAEL RICHARD

Mr. Michael Richard recently joined Glitnir after spending over 15 years in the food and agribusiness industries in a strategic advisory position with The Hale Group, Ltd., a management consultancy.

Mr. Richard led the supply chain practice area and directed multiple strategic planning and investment analysis activities with clients that spanned the entire global food system, from production agriculture and aquaculture to foodservice and retail food marketing.

Prior to joining The Hale Group, he led the food and agribusiness team at Ariba, Inc., a B2B sourcing and supply chain company.

Mr. Richard received a B.S. from Iowa State University and completed graduate degree work at Harvard University.

TODD MADSEN

Mr. Todd Madsen is president and CEO of OceanSpar LLC.

Mr. Madsen oversees OceanSpar's corporate operations and partnerships, working closely with the Board of Directors and management team to set the Company's business strategy. He is also a managing director at Cavan Capital LLC, a private equity investment firm based in Seattle. Prior to OceanSpar, Mr. Madsen was the founder, president and CEO of ClaimIQ, an insurance-related software and services firm, and a principal at Mercer Management Consulting.

He holds an M.B.A. from the University of Chicago and a B.S. in Computer Science from Illinois State University.

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DAVID H. BURRIS

Mr. David Burris is the business development manager for Burris Aquaculture, a division of Cargill, Inc.

Mr. Burris' primary responsibilities include diet designs, product development and manufacturing assistance. He is actively involved in aquaculture project development for closed recirculating systems and offshore aquaculture projects within the Americas.

Mr. Burris entered the feed business in 1977 after earning his Civil Engineering degree from Louisiana State University. Upon the retirement of his father in 1982, he became President of Burris Mill and Feed, Inc. Cargill, Inc. acquired Burris Aquaculture in the spring of 2004.

The Burris facility produces feeds for warm water, cold water and marine aquaculture species, and has been instrumental in the development of complete feeds for such exotic species such as King Conch, American Alligator, cobia and pompano.